

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: lpbbs23s.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1400032.005

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 20 February 2014

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 20 February 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file contains an image of a girl being sexually violated by an adult man. The purpose of the material is to arouse adults with a sexual interest in children. The availability of the image is likely to encourage this sexual interest and perpetuate the idea that children may be used for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of children.

The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.